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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 509
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Hendersonville High School Football Team on an outstanding season, finishing as the State Runner-Up in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association 5A State Championship Playoffs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to recognize those outstanding athletic teams that excel in the realm of athletics because of their spectacular skill, exceptional poise, and tremendous dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School Commandos displayed these outstanding qualities by finishing second in the 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship Playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Hendersonville completed a phenomenal season with a remarkable record of 13 wins and only two losses; and

WHEREAS, the Commandos prided themselves on teamwork, each player placing the needs of the team above individual honors and needs of his own; and

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WHEREAS, the Commandos entered the TSSAA State Playoffs with a remarkable record of nine wins and only one loss; and

WHEREAS, during the state playoffs, Hendersonville blanked Franklin 31-0, defeated Dickson County 31-7, and stopped rival Gallatin 27-7 to advance to the state semifinals; and

WHEREAS, in the semifinal game of the state tournament, the Commandos defeated Houston 17-6 to set up a match with Riverdale in the Class 5A state finals; and

WHEREAS, in a hard fought battle, the Hendersonville Commandos fell just short of clinching the state title, finishing the season as the Class 5A State Runner-Up; and

WHEREAS, the Commandos' excellent season included several accomplishments, including the Region 5,5A Championship with an outstanding Regional record of six wins and no losses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to team excellence, many of the Hendersonville players earned individual honors, those players included, Adam Swann, Region 5 Player of the Year, and *The Tennessean* All-Midstate Honorable Mention; James Wilhoit, Region 5 Specialty Player, *The Tennessean* All Midstate First Team, *The Tennessean* Defensive Player of the Year, and Tennessee Sports Writers Association 2001 Class 5A All-State Football Team; Clayton Cook, All-Region 5 Team, *The Tennessean* All-Midstate Third Team, and Tennessee Sports Writers Association 2001 Class 5A All-State Football Team; Brett Truka, All-Region 5 Team; Kurt Braundmeier, All-Region 5 Team; Will James, All-Region 5 Team; Robby Stewart, All-Region 5 Team; Tony Fanning, All-Region 5 Team, and *The Tennessean* All-Midstate First Team; Darnell Holt, *The Tennessean* All-Midstate Second Team, and Tennessee Sports Writers Association 2001 Class 5A All-State Football Team; and Mike Flatt, Tennessee Sports Writers Association 2001 Class 5A All-State Football Team; and

WHEREAS, the expert coaching staff included the highly regarded Head Coach, Mr. Bruce Hatfield, and outstanding Assistant Coaches, Kris Bundy, Shaun Hollingsworth, Andy Griffin, Jim Miller, Russ Plummer, Chris Taylor; and Freshman Coach, Chris Bain, and his

assistants, Steve Crandel, Chris Hughes, all of whom were assisted by Statistician Dennis Alexander; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team were: Seniors, Adam Swann, Brett Truka, Tommy Decker, Michael Govea, Robby Stewart, James Wilhoit, Joseph Rocha, Jason Chaussey, Steve Champlin, Michael Kniery, Eric Thacker, Adam Jaeckel, Michael Flatt, Stevie Kotlarz, Clayton Cook, Trey Morgan, Josh Carson, Chris Jones, James Ellis, Kurt Braundmeier, Anthony Daggs, Will James, Matt Ferebee, Darnell Holt, Andy Franklin, David Campbell, and Logan Eakes; Juniors, Ben Willis, Shane Fortner, Michael Malkiewicz, Will Hall, Britton Brock, Derrick Purtle, Chance Broussard, Kermit Taylor, Brian Hunter, Mark Govea, Matt Jones, Andrew James, Josh Jones, Brooks Pinson, Tony Fanning, Terrence Jones; Sophomores, Lawson Watson, Brad Rittman, Ryan Hollencamp, Andrew Liyana, Brad Vinson, Danny Soncek, Derek Dobbs, Kevin Spicer, T.J. Elsten, Jon Sanders, Greg Hutchins, Hunter Gibson, Wes Meador, Lindsay Lambert, Michael Yost, Matt Case, Adam Murrell, Ryan Thomas, Brandon McNickle, Michael Langford, Tommy Clark, Brandon Stevens and Jarvis Stanton, each of whom contributed to the team's astounding success; and

WHEREAS, Principal Paul Decker and the entire Hendersonville High School administration, faculty, staff and student body were very supportive of the team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the numerous accomplishments of this great team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Bruce Hatfield and the Hendersonville High School Football Team on an outstanding season in which they finished as Runner-Up in the 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship Playoffs and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.